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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Benveniste Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru  
Serial No.: 09/673555 Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Title: AMPLIFICATION PROCESS OF THE FORMATION OF LIGAND-  
RECEPTOR COMPLEXES AND ITS USES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed **September 22, 2004**, said period of response being extended from **December 22, 2004** to **January 24, 2005**.

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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